

The Weather	
Prediction—Rain.	48
Maximum yesterday	48
Minimum today	37
Precipitation at 5 a. m.	.12

Daily—Twenty-third Year
Weekly—Fifty-sixth Year

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

MEDFORD, OREGON, MONDAY, APRIL 2, 1928.

Weather Year Ago	
High	48
Low	40

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Today

Senator Willis
The Kaiser's Suite
Miss Peggy Muses
War on Rats

By Arthur Brisbane

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The sudden death of Senator Willis, in his battle for Ohio's Presidential delegates, ends tragically one phase of the 1928 campaign.

Senator Willis would have preferred to die fighting. Those that know Secretary Hoover know that Senator Willis' death will cause him sincere grief.

A powerful man, never sparing himself, Senator Willis forgot that there are limits to the heart's endurance. A tired heart often succumbs in the most powerful man, wearied by constant strain.

The dead man's widow attributed the Senator's attack to the fumes of snaky flares that he had been inhaling constantly, in the course of a political parade.

Weak heart, fighting against poisoned air, is in danger.

The Kaiser's men built a big ship. His royal suite had two large staterooms, a sitting room, private sun deck, shut off from the crowd, three bath-rooms.

Britain grabbed that ship, after the war, and renamed her Majesty. His "Majesty" is in Holland, Henry Ford and his wife are on their way to Europe, in the royal suite. Douglas Fairbanks and Mary—probably know her last name, Lloyd George and Beverbrooke have used the suite. His "Kaiserliche, Koenigliche Majestaet" did not expect those passengers.

Mr. Ford leaves for a rest. He needs it and deserves it. He tells reporters the new car is running 1700 a day, and expects 5000 daily this summer.

London placed orders for 100,000 new Fords in a week and Mr. Ford, who never really rests, will doubtless arrange for several European factories inside the tariff walls built to keep out our automobiles.

While a detective watches her \$450,000 diamond Miss Peggy Joyce tells inquiring correspondents eager for great news, that her next husband, "must shape up mentally."

Counting them every one apart, as in the song about the Rosary, Miss Joyce finds that some of her husbands have not measured up in intellect.

After all, a \$450,000 diamond is not so much unless a brilliant thought goes with it.

She is inclined to give the "companionate" idea a trial.

You can't judge a husband candidate's mind by the preliminary suppers. And a girl can't be too careful. "Don't forget," says Miss Peggy, "the lovely lines Tennyson wrote, 'Thou art mated with a clown, and his lack of brains shall have strength to drag thee down.' No more of that for me."

LIFE-BOAT CREW LOST IN STORM

Five Men Carrying Aid to Distressed Ship, Adrift Since Saturday—Oregon Coast Gale—Lashed—Flood Conditions in Coos Improve.

MAIRSHFIELD, Ore., April 2.—(AP)—A telephone call from the Siuslaw coast guard station this noon to Captain M. P. Jensen of the Coos coast guard, said the Siuslaw crew was lost at sea in an open boat and believed short of provisions.

The boat was seen anchored off the bar at 4 a. m. when the anchor line apparently broke. It was not seen again from shore and was believed to have drifted north.

FLORENCE, Ore., April 2.—(AP)—A power lifeboat from the Siuslaw coast guard station with five men aboard has been lost in a wild sea off the coast here since Sunday morning when it was last seen, after leaving the U. S. C. G. S. Haida. Captain SHITT, Clyde Deal, Joe Bernhart, Harold McCready and Elmer Peterson are the men lost.

The bar is impassable and wind is rapidly increasing being in a 75-mile gale at noon today.

The lifeboat has been out since Saturday when it had gone to assist the Helen B. Sterling.

It was an open boat, 26 feet long and is supposed to be a non-sinkable, non-collapsible one.

The men were low on food and gasoline and exposed to the weather.

It is thought by some that it may be drifting towards the Columbia river.

No terrific has been the storm today that a large fishing boat was unable to take provisions to the coast guard station this morning.

The fishing boat was unable to land at the station because the mouth of the Siuslaw is so rough.

The station is at the mouth of the river two miles out from Florence.

The storm that has been lashing the Lane county coast the past several days had reached terrific force today. Old timers say it is the worst ever seen here. Breakers were so high that they could be seen from Florence, two miles away.

IN REGION HIT BY HIGH WATER



Views in area affected by floods in central California—steamboat on Sacramento river, and, below, American river canyon.



A large part of the region shown on the above map has been battling spring floods.

NEW TYPE OF APPLES LOOM BY X-RAY USE

Plant and Animal Life Formerly Requiring Years Speeded by Tests—Nature Hurried by Science and Years Act for Generations.

COLUMBIA, Mo., April 2.—(AP)—Plant and animal evolution effected by X-ray to encompass in a comparatively brief period the development of new varieties that formerly required generations, it was announced today by the experiment station of the Missouri College of Agriculture.

The discovery, following three years work by Dr. L. J. Stadler of the field crops department, University of Missouri, speeds many hundreds of times the rate at which improved varieties of grain, vegetables and fruit can be developed, the announcement said.

Six thousand progeny or families of young barley plants from X-rayed stock are growing on the field crops experimental plot under Dr. Stadler's care. In these groups the outgrowth of heredity has been violently influenced by exposure to a powerful X-ray.

Dr. Stadler expects to find new traits of growth, new qualities of grain, new rates of growth and ripening—in fact as great a number of mutations as he could have expected in his entire life under the old system of patient selection and development of the race by occasional mutations in which nature's processes were undisturbed.

An application of Stadler's X-ray is to be made on hundreds of apple buds and twigs. All will be marked and growth and ultimate fruiting two or three years hence, carefully watched.

It is expected entirely new types of apples will be born.

FRAME-UP USED UPON KLAN FOES

Ex-Grand Dragon, Serving Life, Says Women Maintained to Trap—Judges Bought With Votes—Black Mask Used in Mob Violence—Deposition Is Made From Prison Cell.

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., April 2.—A new Klan exposure which officials spoke of as "the first real unmasking of the Ku Klux Klan" is contained in a deposition given yesterday in the state penitentiary by David C. Stephenson, a Kler who once was head of the Indiana Klan.

Those whom the Klan could not bend to its purposes were broken, Stephenson deposed. Several women were maintained and used to trap men who opposed the Klan, he said. Judges and legislators were controlled, he added, and mob violence, destruction of Catholic churches and whipping parties were authorized.

The deposition was taken in Stephenson's cell under the direction of Van C. Harrickman, Pittsburgh attorney, who in a federal court action is seeking an injunction restraining the Klan from any activities in Pennsylvania, on the ground that it is a public nuisance.

United States Senator Simon D. Fess of Ohio was one of those whom the Klan sought unsuccessfully to get in its power, Stephenson testified. Fess never became a member of the Klan and efforts of the Klan to ruin him were futile, Stephenson added.

The efforts to "frame" those whose enemy the Klan had aroused was often successful, adding that William J. Simmons, founder and former leader of the Klan and himself, were among the victims.

Support of judges was obtained, the deposition recited, by the Klan's promising 5000 votes enough to elect a candidate in return for his promise to be guided by the Klan.

The purpose of obtaining control of legislators, he said, was to create a situation whereby any bill could be passed for the Klan "and by which it could later obtain financial returns."

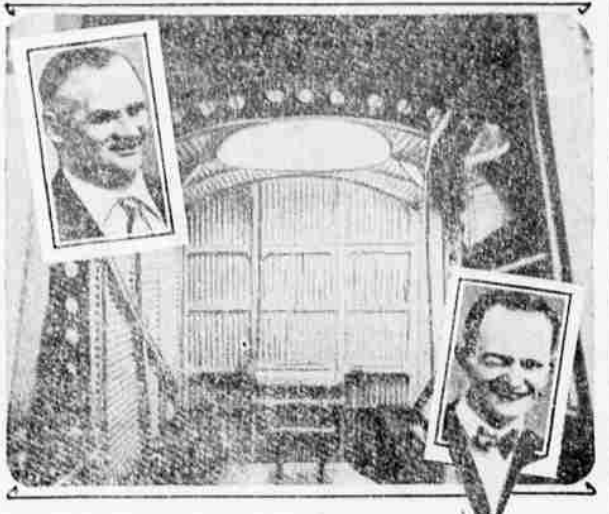
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LATEST TO DARE ATLANTIC HOP



Captain Herman Koehl, left above, and Baron von Huenefeld, below, German aviators, are the latest to dare a westward transatlantic flight where all others have failed. With mechanic Walter Spindler, they flew their Junkers plane, Bremen, from Templehofer field, Berlin, to Baldonnel airport, Dublin, for the take-off. Photo shows the interior of the cabin of the Bremen.

DUBLIN, April 2.—(AP)—The possibility of a Franco-German air race to America caused a stir at Baldonnel airfield today.

Maurice Drouhin, French pilot, was reported to be negotiating to use the field as a starting point for a trans-Atlantic flight.

The German Bremen continued weather bound and there were reports that Commandant James Fitzmaurice, head of the Irish Free State air force, might replace Arthur German mechanic, as co-pilot of the plane.

Drouhin, who was engaged by Charles Levine last year for a trans-Atlantic hop which never materialized, intended to start for Ireland tomorrow. Officials at Baldonnel declined to comment but the rumor gained credence because they have maintained an attitude of secrecy since before the arrival of the Bremen, the appearance of which above the city has the first knowledge Ireland had of that project.

Baron von Huenefeld, sponsor of the flight, and Captain Herman Koehl pilot, said today they would resume their flight to New York tomorrow if weather conditions were suitable.

Commandant Fitzmaurice was a companion of Captain Macintosh in an attempt to fly the Atlantic last summer while headed when they were driven back by adverse weather and landed safely at Bally Hanlon.

MOTT FILES FOR HAWLEY'S PLACE; FOR TAX REFUND

SALEM, Ore., April 2.—(AP)—James W. Mott of Astoria today filed with the secretary of state his declaration as a candidate against Representative W. C. Hawley for the republican nomination for representative in congress for the first district. Mott's platform says: "I will give to the district I represent in congress the same kind of representation that I have given to the district represented by me in the state legislature since 1923."

During that time I have by my own bill, secured the enactment of all legislation without exception in which my district has participated.

"As congressman I shall endeavor to secure, among other things, a federal appropriation equal to our annual tax loss on all government land in the district, adequate improvement of rivers and harbors, reasonable federal aid for general road purposes and completion of Roosevelt highway at federal expense."

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., April 2.—(AP)—Theodore W. Richards, 66, since 1901 head of the chemistry department at Harvard university, died today after an illness of several weeks. He was awarded the Nobel prize for 1914 for special achievement in chemistry.

LEGISLATORS LINKED TO OIL MESS

Solons and Ex-Cabinet Officer Named by Fall as Advising Him to Secrete Doheny Loan by Writing Famous McLean Letter.

EL PASO, Texas, April 2.—(AP)—A United States senator, a former senator and a former cabinet member now in Europe, have been named in the deposition of Albert B. Fall as the men who advised him to write the famous McLean letter to the senate oil committee seeking to conceal the name of Edward L. Doheny, who loaned the interior secretary \$100,000.

Fall, it was learned, testified in giving his story for use in the trial of Harry F. Sinclair, on charges of conspiring with Fall to defraud the government in the Teapot Dome oil reserve, that he was sick in bed at the time and that the party leaders called on him and urged him to conceal the fact that the money came from Doheny.

The leaders feared that knowledge of the Doheny loan would cause charges to be made that the republican administration had favored Doheny in its Mexican oil policy. Fall testified, Doheny, with the consent of the administration, had just loaned the Mexican government \$100,000.

Fall, his friends said, testified that the McLean letter was the only thing in the whole oil lease deal of which he was ashamed.

Edward McLean, the Washington publisher, who gave Fall as the source of the \$100,000, did not give Fall checks dated ahead for that amount but they were not cashed. Fall did not use them because he feared it would embarrass McLean.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—(AP)—Former Senator Loucut of Wisconsin, who, with Senator Smoot, republican, Utah, called on Albert B. Fall here before the one-time interior secretary wrote the McLean \$100,000 loan letter to the senate Teapot Dome committee late in 1923, declared today that there had been no suggestion by them to Fall that he write any letter.

Mr. Loucut spoke in response to suggestions that he was the former senator mentioned by Fall.

"I insisted that Mr. Fall appear before the committee and disclose all the facts as to where he had obtained the money to enlarge his 'New Mexico ranch holdings,'" said Loucut.

"We urged that he tell the committee the whole story. He finally said that he would tell us in confidence, but I told him I did not want the matter in confidence; that I wanted him to tell it to the committee. He then said the man was Edward B. McLean, and that he would communicate with Mr. McLean."

Senator Loucut said he and Mr. Smoot visited Fall alone and that no cabinet officer or former cabinet officer was present.

EL PASO, Texas, April 2.—(AP)—Tuesday may be the earliest possible date that Albert B. Fall, former secretary of the interior, who has been giving a deposition here the last few days to be used in the coming trial of Harry F. Sinclair, can be taken to California, members of his family stated today.

Shortly after conclusion of deposition proceedings Sunday, Fall, ex-husband, who was believed to have been given the opportunity he had been given to tell his story of the leasing of Teapot Dome to his co-defendant, Harry F. Sinclair, Fall, Mrs. Fall said, plainly showed the strain he had been under, giving his testimony. Heart stimulants, ordered during the examination by his physician, are believed to have been the only thing that enabled the former cabinet officer to hold up during the day.

POSTAL RATES SLASH PASSED, UP TO SENATE

House Approves Of Return To 1921 Charges—Lower Fees for Papers—Loss of 13 Millions in Revenue Predicted by Passage.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—(AP)—A downward revision of the postal rates, calling for a restoration of the 1921 charges, was approved today by the house in unanimously passing the Grist bill. The measure now goes to the senate.

A controversial question for several years, the passage of the measure marked the first house approval of a reduction of postal rates. The measure is the sixth general postal rate revision in the country's history.

The bill would establish a one-cent postcard and would lower rates on second and third class mail matter, including newspaper zone mailing charges, and on parcel post matter.

Newspaper publishers, however, when before the committee, argued that the 1921 basis was not sufficient, and sought for a return to the 1920 rate level.

The post office committee in a report on the bill, estimated that it would cause a loss in revenue to the post office department of \$13,585,000 during the fiscal year 1929.

IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T MAKE IT

HAWTHORN, Durham, England, Apr. 2.—(AP)—While competing in the Welsh Guards challenge cup race at the brigade steeplechase today, the Prince of Wales was thrown twice.

The second time, his horse, Miss Muffet, was apparently badly hurt, being unable to rise.

Miss Muffet, a favorite mare which has carried the prince in many steeplechases, fell at the first fence and the prince remounted and proceeded. On the next to the last fence the horse fell again.

The prince was thrown three times on Saturday while competing in two steeplechases at Bromsborough. He gave up the first race when he was thrown twice at the fourth fence, but remounted after being thrown in the second race and finished fourth.

BOMBS IN PANTS RUINS BUSINESS

CHICAGO, April 2.—(AP)—Explosion of a hot gas valve caused \$3,000 damage when January 1 at a plant of the Central Cleaners & Dyers, the president, J. H. Kornick, said today. Small bombs are concealed in suits sent in for cleaning, he said, these exploding when they reach the drying room. Each explosion destroyed a large number of suits.

Kornick told police that new threats of bomb violence have been made against the entire plant, which is an operative.

The plant, the threat said, is to be blown up tonight. Kornick has been given a police guard for the property.

The bombings are blamed on Jack K. White, Kornick charges, control a rival cleaning and dyeing association.

Oregon Weather
Rain tonight and Tuesday. Warmer tonight. Southerly gales on the coast.

LAME DUCK BACK FOR SENATE RACE

NEW YORK, April 2.—(AP)—Miles Poindexter, retiring ambassador to Santa Ana, to enter the senatorial race in Washington state. He represented Washington in the senate prior to his appointment to the post.

The Noted Dead

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WASHINGTON, April 2.—(AP)—A message on forestry direct from the White House will be broadcast from 8 to 9 o'clock, eastern standard time, Monday evening, April 23, by President Coolidge who, on February 24, proclaimed the period from April 22 to 28 as eighth annual forest week.

BATTLE, April 2.—(AP)—The entire issue of the Coos & Curry Telephone company first mortgage bonds was called on the Seattle Bond and Stock Exchange today.

McLean at one time considered buying a one-third interest in Fall's Tres Ritos Cattle and Land com-

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